

RUSSIA AND THE WEST IN IRAN

- (1) The Azerbaijan parliament will become a Provincial Council.
- (2) The Provincial Council will make four nominations for the Provincial Governor General, and the central government's Minister of Interior will appoint one of them.
- (3) The Azerbaijan army will be incorporated into the Iranian army with a commission arranging details.
- (4) Azerbaijan's irregular soldiers will become part of the national gendarmerie.
- (5) The Provincial Treasury will receive 75 per cent of Azerbaijan taxes with Teheran receiving the rest.
- (6) Using Azerbaijan labor, the central government will build rail-ways between Mianeh and Tabriz.
- (7) The Teheran government will assist in establishing a proposed Azerbaijani university.
- (8) Both Persian and Turkish will be recognized as official languages, and primary school instruction will be given in each.
- (9) The government will pay for private lands confiscated by the Azerbaijan regime for distribution to the peasants and will approve the distribution of public lands.
- (10) Election laws will be revised to establish parliamentary representation on a population basis.¹⁵

The agreement was undoubtedly a victory for the Communists.

While preserving the nominal authority of Teheran over the province, it conceded virtually all the wishes of Pischevari. The most important controversial points—land distribution, selection of the governor, armed forces, taxes, and parliamentary representation—

were solved in favor of the Azerbaijan regime. The fact that the negotiations that led to the agreement were conducted by Firuz, a man of doubtful loyalty, and not in Teheran but in Tabriz, where they were reportedly under the benevolent eye of the Soviet

Consul General,
was not without significance. The result was a second
round scored
by the Soviet side.

Iran's ability to withstand Soviet pressure was in
direct proportion
to the intensity of international action in defense of
small nations'

the Premier to make use of another interpreter. Firuz,
however, still remained
in his responsible office,
is *New York Times*, June 15, 1946.